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## **Advisory Announcement**

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# Gear Limits Removed for Remainder of 2020 Kodiak Area State-Waters Pacific Cod Season

### **Emergency Order 4-GF-24-20**

Effective 12:01 a.m. December 29, 2020, gear limits will not be in effect for vessels participating in the Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod season.

Vessel operators are reminded that:

- Vessel operators must obtain a miscellaneous finfish interim-use permit card for the appropriate gear type from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and an exclusive area state-waters vessel registration from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) prior to participating in the state-waters season;
- Vessels participating in the state-waters season may only operate gear inside state waters (0–3 nmi); and
- Vessels may not simultaneously participate in the Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod season and any other Pacific cod season.

For more information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at (907) 486-1840.

#### COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Orders 5, 6, and 8, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Orders. COVID-19 Health Orders may be found here: <a href="https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-order/">https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-order/</a>

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